

#### THE TARIFF BILL

Considered by the Ways and Means Committee-Explained by Members of the Majority-Democrats Want Time to Propose Amendments.

Washington, March 16 .- The new tariff bill was considered today by the ways and means committee. The morning session lasted three hours. The time was occupied principally in discussing the several schedules and explaining the reasons for various increases. These explanations were made by the members who were most conversant with the work. The suggestion that the bill be reported Thursday met with strong opposition from the minority. The chairman disclaimed any purpose of curtailing the opportunities for offering amendments, but pointed out the necessity for getting the bill before the house at the earliest moment. The democrats insisted that they only deamendments as justice and logic demanded.

It was explained that no special assignments of work were made, but that the committee worked together as a whole, except in case where certain members, from their familiarity with the subject, were given the practical control of a schedule. Mr. Russell, of Connecticut, it appears, was largely responsible for the woolen schedule which was explained by him. Similarly the changes in the agricultural schedule were interpreted by Mr. Dolliver, of Iowa. The iron and steel and glass schedules were explained by Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; sugar by Mr. Payne, of New York, and wood by Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota.

Mr. Dolliver stated in reference to the agricultural schedule that th changes were more in form than ir substance. The duty on aimals was less than the McKinley rate. So far as oranges were concerned, the duty was assessed by the pound instead of by the bulk in order to secure a more equitable adjustment in the collection of the duty. The increased rate on broken rice was made to prevent evasion of the present law. Chicory root, hitherto free, was now dutiable at 3 cents a pound, inasmuch as the industry had been recently established in the west of preparing it as a substitute for coffee.

Mr. Payne was asked as to the amount of revenue the sugar schedule would produce. He could not say, but thought the increase would be about \$16,000,000. Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana, estimated the revenue from sugar to be \$50,000,000 per annum.

Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, referring to the glass schedule, desired information as to the increases in small glass. Mr. Dalzell replied that the committee found that duty on small glass was

not protective and that an equalization had been made by lowering the duty on the higher grades.

There was some criticism from the democrats of transferring cotton ties from the free list to the dutiable list, but it elicited no explanation from the majority, although Mr. Wheeler asserted that we were now exporting cotton ties in great quantities to coun-

tries so remote as India. The democrats criticised the increased rate on timber for spars and wharves and for the construction of telegraph lines, to which the republicans responded by stating the reasons which

had led to them. It was developed incidentally that the tariff on 95 per cent. of the sugar importations will yield an ad valorem

duty of 72 per cent.

It was decided at the afternoon meeting of the committee that an adjournment should be taken from this evening until 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The purpose of this was to permit the democratic members to study the bill and to prepare the amendments which they propose offering when the committee re-assembles. The minority will tomorrow afternoon meet at the capitol and decide upon the line of policy to be pursued by them, both in committee and in the house. It is still undecided if the bill shall be reported Thursday, but the democratic members believe this to be the intention of the majority. The understanding is that if the bill be reported Thursday it will be at once taken up for consideration without waiting for the democratic majority to report.

Some of the republican members think two weeks should suffice for debating the measure in the house.

The liquor schedule was the first to be considered this afternoon. Mr. Evans, of Kentucky, who was prominently identified with its preparation, explained its provisions. He showed how the duty on brandy had been increased from \$1.80 to \$2.50 a gallon, and pointed to advantages the wine producers of France would gain if that essarily be stopped in a few days. The ports. He showed that the rates in the liquor schedule were substantialy a re-

turn to those in the McKinley law. Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, referred to the enormous profits which the manufacturers of a certain grade of liquors enjoy in this country owing to the excessive protection which enables them to sell a cheap article at enor-

mous profit. Mr. Russell, of Connecticut, was questioned as to the various paragraphs constituting the cotton schedule The schedule relating to flax and jute was discussed by paragraphs and the inquiries of the democrats were answered by Mr. Payne, of New York.

Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, explained the provisions of the woolen schedule. Mr. Russell was next called upon to explain the silk and paper schedules, which he did in extenso. The latter schedule, he said, differed little if any from the present law.

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ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City, it.-Marcus Geo. Shautz, Rahway. N. J. January 30th.

## POPULIST DIRECTORS

OF INSANE ASYLUM TO TAKE FORCIBLE POSSESSION.

Contract for New Presbyterian Church. Death of Mrs. Charles E. Johnson. Wreck of a Freight Train-Another Pardon by the Governor-Anticipated Deficit in the State Treasury-Plans for New Building for the Asylum for the Blind.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel.

Raleigh, N. C., March 16. A rumor became current here today that the fusionists nominated as directors for the hospitals for the insane and confirmed by the senate proposed to take possession by force day after tomorrow. As has been stated the democrats contend that the new law is defective and in violation of the constitution and so the old directors and officers will take the whole matter before the courts.

George W. Waring, of Columbia, S. C., has the contract for building the new Presbyterian church here.

The cost of the clerical work at the late session of the senate and house was \$1,624 less than 1895.

A freight train on the Chattanooga-Nashville line of the Southern was wrecked at Holtsburg, and fourteen cars smashed, some loaded with fruit.

R. P. Reinhardt, populist bolter, who is now in charge of the convict farm sired time in which to offer such near Wadesboro is here. Senator Mc-Caskey, populist bolter, takes charge of farms Nos. 1 and 2 on the Roanoke

Governor Russell pardons E. L. Thorn, who was serving a year's sentence on the roads at Asheville, for that it has only reserved to this govcarrying a concealed weapon. Among those who asked for his pardon was the governor of Pennsylvania.

The state treasurer's summary shows that while the total of appropriations by the late legislature is \$980,891 the receipts will aggregate only \$706,359. Last year the total appropriations were only \$833,000. The public and special taxes for this year are estimated

Those who oppose the policy of the governor with regard to the lease of the North Carolina railway contend that the state as a stockholder in that road has no greater rights than the holders of private stock, but has put itself entirely on a parity with them. Ex-Judge Risden T, Bennett will de-

liver the address here May 10th (memorial day) on the "Private Soldier in the Confederate Army." There is great satisfaction at the fact

that the legislature did not interfere with the very valuable state geological survey. The appropriation of \$10,000 annually continues. Mrs. Francis Lenox Johnson died at

her home here late last night, aged 79. She was a daughter of Governor James Iredell, and was the widow of Dr. Charles E. Johnson, a distinguished physician, who was surgeon-general of this state during the war.

The plans for the new building at the institution for the blind are accepted. The building will be 65 by 100 feet, three stories high and the auditorium on the first floor will seat 1,000 persons. It is to cost \$22,000.

John Groves, white, is to be tried here for the deliberate murder of Henry Wall, colored, near Wake Forest.

### The Cretan Troubles.

Constantinople, March 17.—The reply of the porte to the note which was presented to the Turkish government by the powers simultaneously with the presentation of the ultimatum of the European governments to Greece, has been officially published. The porte admits the principle of autonomy for Crete, but reserves discussion of the forms and details of an administration with the diplomatic representatives of the powers, these details to be subordinate to the withdrawal of the Greek warsips and troops from the island.

Rome, March 17.-A dispatch from Canea to The Secolo says that the Cretan insurgents have declared that they will reject autonomy and offer all possible resistance to the occupation of the island by the powers. The dispatch also says that Colonel Vassos, commanding the Greek army of occupation, is about to move his camp to the mountains of Sphakia, where he will fortify himself so that his position will be almost impregnable. He will not withdraw his troops from the island under any cir-

London, March 17.-A dispatch from Athens says the Greeks in Crete assert that the Turks holding the fortifications at Retimo have made a sortie into the town and pillaged the houses of the inhabitants without the slightest opposition on the part of the detachments of marines from the war-

ships of the powers. Canea, March 17. The admira's commanding the foreign warships in Cretan waters have issued a proclamation announcing the conditions under which an autonomous administration will be granted to Crete. The situation here is becoming more serious as each day passes, owning to the presence of 1,000 refugees, who are receiving rations from the government which will necgovernment should give this country condition of affairs at Retimo is simi- James M. Buchanan, Wilson Ames and corresponding advantage on our ex- lar and at Candia the situation is William Hill, in particular, are charged worse.

Six Turkish soldiers were killed and twenty-five were wounded in the six hours fighting which occurred yesterday outside of Candia.

#### Meeting of Directors of the North Carolina Railway.

Charlotte, N. C., March 17.-All the old directors of the North Carolina Railway Company met in the city yesterday for the purpose of consulting together in regard to the action brought by the Southern Railway Company against the North Carolina Railway Company and the individual directors of that company. These were the directors appointed under democratic administration. The present governor, D. L. Russell (republican) has removed them, although he has never made public the names of their successors. The bill filed by the Southern Railway Company was read and discussed, and J. S. Manning and Judge A. Burwell were When you are suffering from Catarrh authorized to answer the same on the part of the directors. The matter will be heard before Judge Simonton at Greensboro on the 6th day of April.

Raleigh News and Observer: John Groves must lie in jail until the next I was afflicted with catarrh last au- term of court. Justice Harry Roberts tumn. During the month of October I | yesterday so decided. He is charged could neither taste nor smell and could | with the murder of a negro, Henry hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured | Wall, at Forestville, on the night of

#### THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee After Making Several Amendments Reports it Favorably-Speedy Action in the Senate Expected.

Washington, March 17.-The senate committee on foreign relations spent two hours this morning in the consideration of the general treaty of arbitration with Great Britain and then ordered a favorable report to be made to the senate tomorrow, with amendments in line with those indicated in these dispatches heretofore. The amendments are administrative only in character. The scope of the treaty has not been touched.

Much of the public criticism against the action of the committee during the last session was due to the alleged fact that the committee had emasculated the convention and made it practically a mere shell.

The amendment to the first article, that no question relative to the foreign or domestic policy of either party should be included, which was previously given such prominence, has disappeared entirely. The same result is reached, however, in a very different

The designation of King Oscar, of Sweden and Norway, as the umpire, has been stricken out, as has been all references to the justices of the supreme court of the United States as members of the tribunal established under the treaty. In place of this desof repute" shall be named by the president to act as such arbitrators.

The chief amendment to the convention, however, is found in the clausa which reserves to the United States the sanction of the whole treaty-making power in deciding what questions shall be submitted to arbitration. This provision will make it necessary for the president to submit to the senate for its approval all questions intended to be submitted to the arbitral court. The committee have acted in the belief the legislature and think it the ablest ernment the identical power reserved by Great Britain, which, under the treaty, decides through its premier what questions shall be arbitrated. Under the British form of government, one man alone, the premier, acting for the crown, determines all matters of this sort and is the sole treaty-making power of that nation. There is, under this general treaty, no deviation from the universal rule of the British government, and, reasoning thus, the senate committee sees no reason why there should be any change in the practices-based upon the stipulations of the written constitution-that have governed such questions with us since the foundation of our government. In night. other words, both powers are made equal and the subsequent proceedings under the treaty after it shall have been ratified, will proceed according to the laws of the respective governments of the contracting parties.

It is needless to point out that under the treaty as thus amended no argument can consistently be advanced that the senate is relinquishing any of the prerogatives given it by the constitution. It will, by ratifying this treaty, endorse and subscribe to the doctrine of universal arbitration, to which the United States stands pledged, and then leave all questions as to details connected with the submission of specific subjects to the constituted authorities

of both countries. Acting chairman Davis will urge as speedy action in the senate as possible. It is quite likely that much of the time during the next two weeks will be spent in executive session. Pending the arrival of the tariff bill in the senate the treaty will be discussed, together with the consideration of presidential nominations, and it is the confident expeciation of the committee that it will be able to have this convention out of the way by April 1st.

### A NOTED ATLANTA CASE.

For four years I have been afflicted with a very troublesome nasal catarrh. So terrible has its nature been that when I blew my nose small pieces of bone would frequently come out of my mouth and nose. The discharge was copious, and at times very offensive. My blood became so impure that my general health was greatly impaired, with poor appetite and worse digestion. Numerous medicires were used without relief, until I began the use of Botanic Blood Balm-B. B. B.-and there bottles acted almost like magic. Since its use, over a year, not a symptom has returned, and I feel in every way quite restored in health. I am an old citizen of Atlanta, and refer to almost any one living on Batler street, and more particularly to Dr. L. M. Gillam, who knows my case.

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B. B. \$1.00 per large bottle. For sale by Druggists.

Sweeping Charges of Embezzlement.

Chicago, March 17.—Bessie A. Woods, one of the shareholders in the Pacific Loan and Homestead Association, has filed a bill in the superior court, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the concern, which she alleges is in a hopeless state of insolvency. The bill also charges Dewitt C. Butts, the former secretary, with deception and fraud, by the employment of which he has wrongfully converted to his own private use about \$232,000 of moneys belonging to the association. The charges sweep in the board of directors in general, as having compounded Butts' alleged felony, and Directors with sharing in the proceeds.

Shipping in the East Depressed. Glasgow, March 17.-Clyde shipping is being greatly affected by the situation in the east, the depression of eastern trade having reached a most acute stage. One shipping firm employing thirty-five vessels in trading in the east has ordered all of its ships back to Great Britain and will hereafter put them in the western trade. The reason given by the firm for this action is that the political situation in the east has depressed freights so that car-

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# WILL REMAIN GOVERNOR.

RUSSELL HAS DECLINED BEFORE HAND THE JUDGESHIP.

Senator Pritchard Paying the Penalty for His Renewed Honors - Hard on the People of Surry County-State Treasurer to Pay Special Appropriations Pro Rata-An Absurd Error in a Dispensary Bill-The Insane Asylum Contests-The Seaboard's Charge of Discrimination.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel. Raleigh, N. C. March 17.

Governor Russell made the positive statement this morning that he would not accept the judeship of the United States district court. One of his closest friends said Thomas R. Purnell, of Raleigh, would certainly get the appoint-

The new Episcopal church here will not be a cathedral, that idea having been abandoned, but will be in memory of the late Bishop Lyman.

W. H. Chadbourn, of Wilmington, arrived here today. He said, with a smile: "The entire North Carolina legislature is at Washington, the 'third house' and all. Senator Pritchard is overrun. I would not be in his place for all the money in Raleigh. He is ignation, it is stipulated that "jurists worked fourteen hours a day and worried the remainder of the time. All southern republicans call on him. General Longstreet yesterday called and asked him to take charge of Georgia politics."

lature, from Surry, is here and makes the astounding statement that the people in his county are delighted with ever met in this state.

The state treasurer was asked today how he proposed to manage affairs. when the 1897 appropriations, etc., aggregated \$981,000 and the revenues appeared to be only \$706,000. He replied that he would pay all the regular appropriations first and then if there was not enough left to pay the extras would pro-rate the balance.

The State Liquor Dealers Association has made a present to Frank O'Donnell of Asheville, its president, in recognition of his services in lobbying during the legislature against the dispensary bills. He worked day and

It is learned that there will be a contest in the courts regarding the dispensary law for Cumberland county. The opponents of the measure contend that the recent act is defective.

The dispensary act for Rutherfordton, as ratified, is made absurd by a clerical error. The latter in fact makes the law operative no matter whether the people vote for or against a dispensary. It says, instead of "inoperative," in operation."

Director Speight, one of the new board of the central hospital for the insane here, arrived today. He says the old board wishes to test the legality of the new act by a friendly suit. Mention was made yesterday of a rumor current here that the new board proposed to take charge forcibly. Dr. Speight says Dr. Kirby, the superintendent, had given orders not to admit the new board. Dr. Speight added that the new board might meet at the capitol instead of at the hospital.

Among today's arrivals here are Tyre Glenn, of Greensboro, said to be one of the new directors of the North Carolina railway, appointed by Governor Russell; William Gilchrist, of Wilmington; Robert Hancock and Seymour Hancock of Newbern.

The railway commission some weeks ago forwarded to the inter-state commerce commission the complaint of the Seaboard Air Line against the Southern States Passenger Association, charging the latter with discriminating in the matter of through rates to New Orleans and to points in Florida. Today the railway commission received notice that the inter-state commission had set the matter for hearing April 6th at Savannah. The notices are sent the Central Railroad of Georgia, the Atlantic and West Point and other lines composing the association.

John R. Smith, the new superintendent of the penitentiary has notified all the farm superintendents save the one at the farm at Wadesboro to remin in charge until the crop is made-or about September 1st. The superintendent has tendered William Ledbetter the position of warden until September. It is said Superintendent Leazar and ard standard Blood Purifier of the age. Warden Fleming will retire in a day or

Lightning struck Mrs. Ashford's house at Kinston, tearing it to pieces and shocking and scorching the inmates, but, strange to say, none of them were seriously hurt.

### The Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 17.-Wheat was influenced today altogether by the threatening aspect of the Turkish-Grecian difficulty. Opening from %c to %c over yesterday, the tone thereafter was generally a firm one, although several recessions took place. The close was firm at 1/2c net gain for the day. Cash wheat was firm and ½c higher. Corn quickly responded to the war scare, opening higher and successfully retaining the accession. Business was

active, "shorts" taking alarm at the precarious appearance of the situation abroad and covering freely. Cash corn was firm and ¼c higher. Yesterday's decline in oats was recovered at the opening today, the same forces which were at work in wheat and corn applying to this market. Cash oats were firm at yesterday's prices,

closing nominally higher with the fu-Heavy selling by professionals and by commission houses gave provisions a set back today. Early the feeling was firm on an advance in live hog prices, but large offerings caused a decline.

To Investigate the Puritan's Disablement.

Washington, March 17 .- A court of inquiry consisting of Captains Watson and McCormick and Chief Engineer J. A. B. Smith has been ordered to meet at New York navy yard Friday at 1 o'clock to investigate the recent criuse of the Puritan and the causes which led to that vessel's disablement off Cape Hatteras. It is expected that the result may be the ordering of a court martial. The information which reaches the department indicates that the vessel rode out the gale remarkably port without assistance. At least one of the boilers, it is said, was burnt out at sea, due to low water. The slight sea by competentd mechanics,

# WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORTS. Wilmington, N. C., March 17, Receipts of cotton today-78 bales. Receipts corresponding day last year 256 bales.

This season's receipts to date-231,354 bales. Receipts to same date last year-160.664 bales. The quotations posted at 4 o'clock to-

day at the exchange: Cotton steady. Low middling ..... 

NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine-Machine barrels steady at 261/2c; country barrels steady at 26c.

Rosin firm at \$1.45 and \$1.50. Tar firm at \$1.00.

Crude turpentine quiet; hard \$1.30; soft \$1.80. Prices same day last year-Spirits turpentine at 26c and 251/2c; rosin \$1.30 and \$1.35; tar 90c; crude turpentine \$1.30 and \$1.70. Receipts today-32 casks spirits tur-

pentine, 232 barrels rosin, 196 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine. Receipts same day last year-90 casks spirits turpentine, 155 barrels rosin, 142 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

# MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

FINANCIAL.

New York, March 17.-Money on call quiet at 11/2@1% per cent.; last loan at 1% and closed at 1% per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3¼ per cent. Bar silver 621/8. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in banker's bills Representative Brower, of the legis- at \$4.85% for sixty days and \$4.87 for demand. Posted rates \$4.86\2@4.88. Commercial bills at \$4.84@4.85. Government bonds firm. State bonds quiet. Railroad bonds firm. Silver at the board was weak.

Treasury balances: Coin, \$131,112,767 currency, \$66,876,147.

STOCKS AND BONDS. Am Cotton Uli.....12 Northwestern .....110 k Am Sugar Refin...113% " pfd,103 Am Tobacco. Reading..... AT & Sante Fe... 11% Balt & Ohio ...... 8. Paul... Can Pacific .... do prd .. Sil Certificates....621 Chesa & Unio......18 Chic & Alton......165 Chic Bur & Quin, 771/4 Chic Gas Trust...78% Del Lack & West,— Tenn Coal & Iron.27 % do pfd......80 Texas Pacific ..... Pl Union Pacific.....63 Dis & Cat Feed's,-Wabash..... 5% Western Union...86% Wheel & L Eric..1% Gen Electric...... 85 Illinois Cen......964 L Erie & West...,161 Ala Class B...... 1041/ Ala Class C ...... 99 Lous's Stamp 4's 97 Lake Shore .... Carolina d's.....1021, Carolina 6's.....124 Lou, N, Al & Chic Manhattan Con.. 85% Ten N Set 3's..... 79 Va 6's def'd .......... lem & Charl.....15 Michigan Cent...96 Va Tst Re Stamp.6 Va Fund Debt.....621 U S Regist'd 4's...111 Missouri Pacific... 18% Mobile & Onio.... 20 N, Chat & St L ... 671/2 U S Cordage..... 8 Coupon 4's ...113% II 8 7 8 ... Southern Ry 5' 1...90 J Cent... do prd ...... 284 Central......991 Norfk & W prd. 26% | 8 C new 188 4'8..... 105† U 8 new 4's reg... 1231/2; do coupons...... 1231/2

### COTTON.

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Liverpool, March 17.-12:30 p. m.-Cotton-Demand fair; prices easy; American middling 4d; sales 12,000 American 11,400; speculation and exports 500; receipts 9,000; American 5,800. Futures opened quiet, demand moder-

American middling, low middling clause: March and April, April and May 3 59-64d; May and June 3 59-64d, 3 58-64d; June and July, July and August 3 59-64d; August and September 3 57-64d; September and October 3 51-64d; October and November 3 46-64d; November and December, December and January 3 45-64d. Futures quiet at the decline.

Tenders-1,400 bales new dockets and

200 bales old dockets. 12:45 p. m.-American spot grades 1-32d lower; American middling fair 4 13-32d; good middling 4 3-32d; middling 3 31-32d; low middling 3 25-32d; good ordinary 3 15-32d.

4 p. m.-March, March and April, April and May, May and June, June and July 3 58-64d, 3 59-64d buyers; July and August 3 59-64d sellers; August and September 3 56-64d, 3 57-64d buyers; September and October 3 50-64d, 3 51-64d buyers; October and November 3 46-64d buyers; November and December, December and January 3 44-64d, 3 45-64d buyers. Futures closed steady.

New York, March 17.—Cotton steady; middling 7%c; net receipts 336; gross 3,415; exports to Great Britain 1,685; to the continent 1,605; forwarded 333; sales 3,032; spinners' 493; stock 250,846. Total today: Net receipts 7,451; ex-

ports to Great Britain 7,224; to the continent 5,143; stock 789,360. Total so far this week: Net receipts 44,729; exports to Great Britain 18,603; to France 6,992; to the continent 30,589. Total since September 1st: Net receipts 6,098,555; exports to Great Britain

2,649,555; to France 593,344; to the continent 1,632,922. Cotton futures closed steady; sales 53,900 bales; March 7.01; April 7.04; May 7.07: June 7.12: July 7.16: August 7.17; September 6.90; October 6.79; November 6.81; December 6.84; January 6.89; February 6.93.

PORT RECEIPTS. Galveston-Steady at 71/4c; net receipts 812. Norfolk-Firm at 7%c; net receipts

receipts 534. Boston-Steady at 74c; net receipts 19: gross 455. Wilmington-Steady at 7c; net re-

ceipts 78.

Philadelphia-Quiet at 7½c; net receipts 50. Savannah-Quiet at 6%c; net receipts New Orleans-Steady at 7c; net receipts 3,700; gross 4,048.

Mobile-Dull at 7c; net receipts 761. Memphis-Steady at 6 15-16c; net receipts 151; gross 201.

2,051. Louisville-Firm at 7c.

St. Louis-Steady at 7c; net receipts 149; gross 1,395. Houston-Steady at 7 1-16c; net receipts 1,629.

GRAINS, PROVISIONS, ETC. Chicago, March 17.-The leading futures were as follows: Opening, high-

est, lowest and closing: Wheat-March 73@73%c, 734c, 72%c, well and that she should have reached | 731/sc; May 74@74%c, 741/sc, 73%c, 741/sc; July 73%@73%c, 73%c, 72%c, 73c; September 71@71%c, 71%c, 70%c, 70%c. Corn-March 23%c, 23%c, 23%c, 23%c; 27c, 26%c, 27c.

Oats-March 16%c, 16%c, 16%c, 16%c May 174c, 174@17%c, 174c, 174@17%c; July 184c, 184c, 18@184c, 184@184c. Pork-May \$8.95, \$9.00, \$8.70, \$8.72\\20142 July \$9.05, \$9.07\4, \$8.80, \$8.82\4.

Lard-May \$4.321/2, \$4.35, \$4.221/4, \$4.25; July \$4.421/2, \$4.421/2, \$4.30, \$4.321/4. Ribs-May \$4.821/2, \$4.85, \$4.671/2, \$4.70; July \$4.8214. \$4.85, \$4.70, \$4.7214. Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour dull, firm; No. 2 spring wheat 72% @74%c; No. 2 red 83% @89%c; No. 2 corn 23%@23%c, No. 2 oats 15%c, mess pork \$8.65@8.70; lard \$4.15@4.17%; short ribs \$4.70@4.95; shoulders \$4.75@5.00; short clear sides \$4.75@4.874; whiskey New York, March 17 .- Flour quiet,

unchanged; southern flour unchanged. Wheat-Dull, firmer; f o b 84c; ungraded red 70@84c; No. 1 northern 85c; options opened firm and advanced %c. fell %@%c, rallied %c and closed steady %0 4c over yesterday, with trading fair; March 80%c; May 80c; July 78%c. Corn-Dull. scarce, higher; No. 2 29140 elevat r. 30c affoat; steamer mixed 284c; options were dull and firm at 146%c advance; March 29%c; May, 30%c; July 31%c.

Oats-Spots dull, firmer; options dull. firmer; May 21%c; July 22c; spot prices. No. 2 22c; No. 2 white 24c; mixed western 21@24c. Lard-Quiet, easier; western steam

\$4.371/2; city \$4.15; May \$4.55; refined quiet; continent \$4.70; South American \$4.95; compound 4%@4%c. Pork-Dull, easy; mess \$8.50@9.00.

Eggs-Fairly active; state and Pennsylvania 11c; western fresh 1016c; southern 10@10%c. Molasses-Quiet, unchanged. Coffee-Quiet, 5@10 points down;

March \$8.50; May \$8.45@8.50; July \$8.55;

September \$8.55@8.60; December \$8.60;

spot Rio dull, weak: No. 7 9c. Cotton Seed Oil-About steady, unchanged. Rice-Firm, better demand,

#### changed. NAVAL STORES.

New York, March 17.-Rosin unchanged. Turpentine unchanged. Charleston, S. C., March 17 .- Spirits turpentine firm; sales none. Rosin firm; sales none; strained common to

good \$1.40. Savannah, Ga., March 17.-Turpentine firm at 261/2c; sales 50; receipts 110. Rosin firm; sales 800; receipts 786; A. B, C, D, E, F, \$1.50; G \$1.65; H, I \$1.80; K, M \$1.85; N \$2.00; W G \$2.25; W W.

New York Stock Market.

New York, March 17 .- Speculation at the opening of the stock exchange today was weaker, owing to the receipt of lower quotations from London and the favorable statement of the St. Paul for the second week of March. Notwithstanding these influences and the fact that the foreigners sold between 10,000 and 12,000 shares of the international listed stocks, bears here made comparatively little headway. Prices after a decline of 1/4 to 3/4 per cent. quickly rallied, with the Vanderbilt's again the great leaders of the market. The persistent buying of these stocks imparted fresh courage to the bulls and they marked prices up all along the line. Around midday there was another set back, owing to a sudden break in Tobacco from 781/4 to 76 on heavy sales. At about the same time the coal stocks developed weakness and Jersey Central and Reading ran iff about 1 point. The government stocks were also heavy and lost the early improvement. Even these declines failed to disconcert the bulls, who had the advantage of excellent support to the Vanderbilt group. Omaha was up to 65, an advance of 31/4 from the lowest of the morning. Canada Southern rose 1%. Lake Shore %. Northwestern 14, Nickel Plate, first preferred 2, and second preferred 14 per cent. Tobacco rallied to 77 and Sugar rose from 1111/2 to 114. The fluctuations in the Grangers and stocks were comparatively slight. Speculation closed firm for the Vanderbilts and Sugar and rather weak for Jersey Central, Reading, St. Paul, Louisville and Nashville and General Electric. Among the specialties, Standard Rope and Twine broke 3 points to 61/4 on liquidation. The decline was accelerated by, a drop of 6 points in the 6 per cent. bonds of the company to 65. The income bonds sold at 16, against 241/2, the last reported sale. Net changes show advances of ¼ to 2 per cent., Omaha leading. Standard Rope and Twine lost 21/4 per cent. Total sales were 192,-776 shares, including 30,800 Sugar, 19,500 Omaha, 16,400 Missouri Pacific, 13,900 St. Paul, and 13,600 American Tobacco. The bond market was firm in tone. Sales footed up \$1,311,000.

### Cotton Futures.

(Special to The Messenger.) New York, March 17.-There was not much life in the cotton market today. The war clouds in the Levant again look serious, and this affected Liverpool unfavorably this morning, that market declining 3-64d. The opening here was 3 points lower than last night's close. The reports from the south continue of a bullish tenor and buying ty commission houses caused a rally from the opening figures. There were no new features and the market was very dull all day. May opened at 7.02, advanced to 7.08 and closed at 7.07 to 7.08 with the tone of the market steady. The tenor of news as to European political affairs is not encouraging, but we think that there are enough bullish factors to offset the effect of

any probable troubles there. RIORDAN & CO.

(By Southern Press.) New York, March 17 .- The Sun's cotton review says: Spot cotton here was Baltimore-Nominal at 7%c; gross unchanged, with sales of 339 bales for export and 493 for spinning: 2,200 were delivered on contract. The speculation in cotton today was extremely dull. More of the traders, especially the younger element, were gathered about the telegraphic bulletins from Carson City than were around the ring. Liverpool and New Orleans were small traders here, but the speculation was, in the main, of a local professional character. At the opening prices declined slightly. in sympathy with a decline in Liverpool, both for futures and spots. After the first transactions, however, prices Augusta-Firm at 7%c; net receipts rallied and advanced slightly. The high water in the Mississippi river Charleston-Firm at 6%c; net receipts checks selling, and prices are easily advanced on small purchases. Liverpool Cincinnati-Quiet at 7%c; net receipts | sold here, but New Orleans bought. The receipts at the ports were light, the spot markets were firm and the exports were liberal. The decline in Liverpool was attributed to unfavorable political advices from the Levant.

> Increase in Internal Revenue Collections. Washington, March 17.-The total

collections of internal revenue for the month of February last were \$10,729,016. an increase of \$42,684 over February 1896. The collections from July 1st 1896 to and including February last were \$98,909,085, against \$98,881,370 for derangement of the machinery, it is May 24%c, 24%c, 23%c, 24%c; July 25%c, the corresponding period of 1895-96, an claimed, might have been remedied at 25% @25%c, 25%c, 25%c, 25%c; Septemore 27c, increase for the period ended Februs l ary last of \$27,715.